



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION VI
ALLIED BANK TOWER AT FOUNTAIN PLACE
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May 15, 1987

Mr. Larry R. Soward
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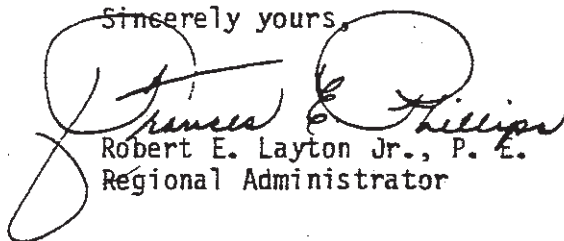
Dear Mr. Soward:

I am pleased to inform you of EPA approval of your request to exempt a portion of the Goliad Formation from the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program requirement that no fluid may be injected into an Underground Source of Drinking Water (USDW). This approval is based upon the criteria stipulated in 40 CFR 144.7(b), 145.32, and 146.02 containing regulations allowing an aquifer to be exempted if: (a) it is not currently used as a drinking water supply, and (b) it cannot be used as a drinking water source in the future because it is mineral producing or can be shown by a permit applicant to contain minerals that are expected to be commercially producible. This approval allows injection for in-situ uranium mining only. If injection for other purposes (e.g., hazardous waste disposal) is planned into this aquifer, additional approval will be needed.

The approved exempted aquifer underlies the Uranium Resources, Incorporated, Kingsville Dome Mines Site, and is limited to the Upper Goliad Formation. A detailed description of the exempted aquifer remains as described in your April 15, 1986 and February 11, 1987, submittals.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact me or have your staff contact John H. Walker at (214) 655-7160. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Robert E. Layton Jr., P. E.
Regional Administrator

